

**To:** Zito, Kelly[ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV]  
**From:** Barkett, Bonnie  
**Sent:** Wed 8/12/2015 3:25:44 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Needs for Tomorrow

Yes, I'll touch base with Jeff Morin and Christine Dibble to offer to help out.

**From:** Zito, Kelly  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 12, 2015 8:09 AM  
**To:** Barkett, Bonnie  
**Subject:** FW: Needs for Tomorrow

Hey Bonnie – Can you see the email traffic below?

HQ needs some help shaping this website...

kelly

**From:** Purchia, Liz  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 12, 2015 8:08 AM  
**To:** Zito, Kelly; Keener, Bill  
**Subject:** RE: Needs for Tomorrow

That would be great if Bonnie could assist.

**From:** Zito, Kelly  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 12, 2015 11:07 AM  
**To:** Purchia, Liz; Keener, Bill  
**Subject:** RE: Needs for Tomorrow

I actually think the website goes a long way toward supplying this info.

I think it just needs more information on the main page, with a map/diagram, some bullets on facts/figures, some images and a bit more about the sampling sites...

Plus – I think the PR should be in a banner, or a large part of it posted on the main page.

Roxanne mentioned that Jeff Morin was working on a map.

Should we have our web guru, Bonnie Barkett, work with the web team in HQ?

kelly

**From:** Purchia, Liz  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 12, 2015 6:03 AM  
**To:** Zito, Kelly; Keener, Bill  
**Subject:** RE: Needs for Tomorrow

Checking back on this. Any luck?

Here's a really good article on the history <https://www.hcn.org/articles/when-our-river-turned-orange-animas-river-spill>

**From:** Zito, Kelly  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 10:57 AM  
**To:** Purchia, Liz; Keener, Bill  
**Subject:** Re: Needs for Tomorrow

I don't think so. Bill - Can you check in with Amy M and R8...? At the very least we can prob help pull some stats about number of mines in Colo. from the state. Also - R8 does have some online info on the history of that mine complex.. Maybe we can pull a few bullets together and feed to R8.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 11, 2015, at 7:50 AM, "Purchia, Liz" <[Purchia.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Purchia.Liz@epa.gov)> wrote:

Have you gotten anything yet from R8 for the Fact Sheet?

I want to make sure we have TPs today to provide historical context about mining in the west for today's press call.

**From:** Gray, David

**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 9:17 PM

**To:** Smith, Paula; Purchia, Liz; Card, Joan; McGrath, Shaun; Stanislaus, Mathy

**Cc:** Harrison, Melissa; Fritz, Matthew; Hull, George; Lee, Monica; Reynolds, Thomas; Mitchell, Stacey; Zito, Kelly

**Subject:** RE: Needs for Tomorrow

My edits

**From:** Smith, Paula

**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 7:18 PM

**To:** Purchia, Liz; Card, Joan; McGrath, Shaun; Stanislaus, Mathy

**Cc:** Harrison, Melissa; Fritz, Matthew; Hull, George; Lee, Monica; Reynolds, Thomas; Mitchell, Stacey; Zito, Kelly; Gray, David

**Subject:** RE: Needs for Tomorrow

Now with attachments. Sorry.

**- Paula**

**From:** Smith, Paula  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 5:53 PM  
**To:** Purchia, Liz; Card, Joan; McGrath, Shaun; Stanislaus, Mathy  
**Cc:** Harrison, Melissa; Fritz, Matthew; Hull, George; Lee, Monica; Reynolds, Thomas; Mitchell, Stacey  
**Subject:** RE: Needs for Tomorrow

Couple important notes from the press call that I think we need to have ready to go as soon as we can tomorrow.

- **Aug. 5 data** - When will we have language to be able to provide context to the Aug. 5 data so we can put it on the website? There is still no explanation posted to say what the numbers mean. Explained in the attached water quality data fact sheet.

- **Aug. 7/8 data** – Is the data ready? Not ready for public release until the regions and OSWER developed a convention for presenting and evaluating data. We expect this to be resolved tomorrow. And when will we have language to be able to provide context to that data so we can post it?

- **Length of the plume** - Can we answer how far the plume has traveled? The water quality data when available will tell the story of this contaminant plume. *(we could get someone to calculate the river miles until the plume became no longer visible from the air)*

- **Website** - we are working with the regions to build a HQ home page about the situation. This should become the main page that we point everyone to rather than the [epa.gov/region8](http://epa.gov/region8) site. It will be better organized than what is currently there. We would like this to go live tomorrow. The URL for this site when published will be [www.epa.gov/goldkingmine](http://www.epa.gov/goldkingmine). We'll need to put a link on the [osc.org](http://osc.org) site telling people to go to this site once it's launched. The OSCs can use the private side of [osc.org](http://osc.org) for their purposes of communicating with first responders.

- **Fact Sheet on historical context of the mine** – Kelly Zito and Bill Keener in R9 need assistance from R8 to build a factsheet on the history of mining in Colorado to provide context on the spill. This will give perspective on the issue, what we have been doing and explain the fact that many of these sites are the source of ongoing water impairments.

Also attached please find our Q&A document

**- Paula**